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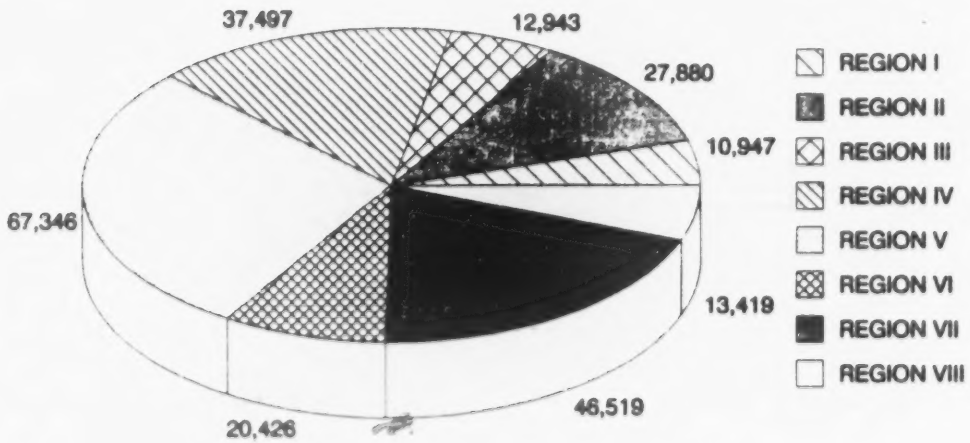

NORTH DAKOTA STATE PLANNING REGIONS

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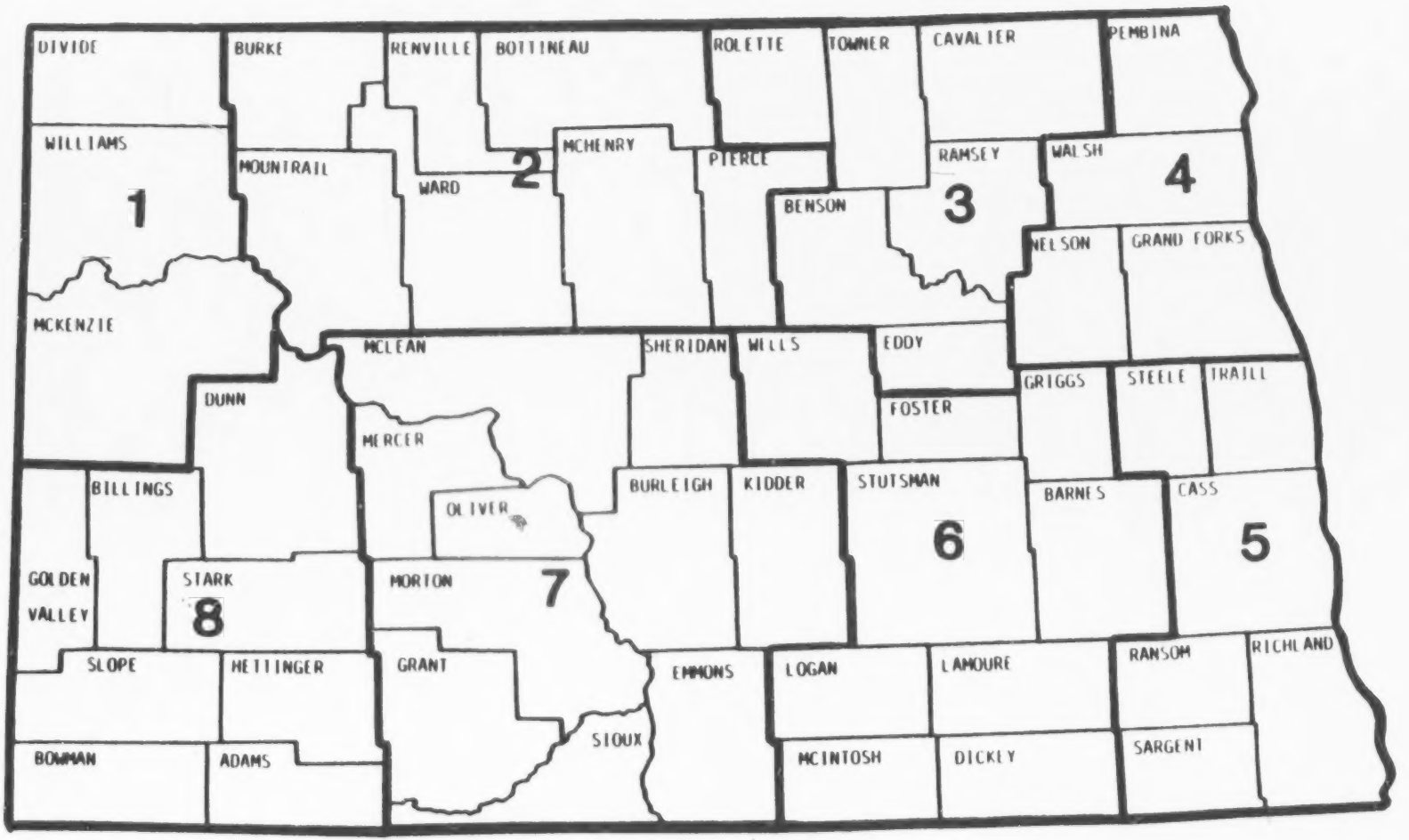

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A STUDY OF JOB INSURANCE COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN 1988

The publication North Dakota Employment and Wages was recently produced by the Research and Statistics Section of Job Service North Dakota. The wage information contained in it was derived and summarized from the unemployment contribution reports. These quarterly reports are filed by employers with Job Service North Dakota. While they do not cover all workers in the state, they account for 75% of the employed workers. Farm workers and nonfarm self-employed and unpaid family workers make up the majority of individuals not covered under the unemployment insurance program.

Employment

The statewide tables show covered employment increased by 4,047 over the year and averaged 237,436 in 1988. Although seven of the ten industries recorded gains, one stood out above all others: services, which added over 2,600 workers. Trailing a distant second was retail trade with less than 700. It was no surprise to find the area of growth in the services industry was in health care. As the population ages and medical technology advances, the need for facilities and staff to provide service and care has increased. In 1988, nursing home employment (+236), clinics (+219) and hospitals (+157) accounted for most of the gain in medical services.

The western part of the state, the Williston and Dickinson regions, suffered severe losses in employment due to the decline in the oil industry. Williston region employment dropped by 2,351 between 1985 and 1986 and by 1,076 the following year. The Dickinson region also experienced declines in those years of 903 and 254 respectively. The trend reversed and increases were recorded between 1987 and 1988 with gains of 154 in the Williston region and 141 in the Dickinson region. It is too early to tell whether employment "bottomed-out" in 1987. It will be interesting to observe these regions in the next two to three years.

Employment in the Minot region declined slightly between 1985 and 1986 (-142), but recorded gains in the two most recent years. The changes in the Bismarck region are more noticeable with a drop of 1,228 between 1985 and 1986. Mercer County, and to a lesser extent, McLean County absorbed most of the loss due to the completion of energy conversion facilities in the area. Declines were not limited to the construction industry. Although this accounted for half of the decrease in Mercer County, accompanying drops also occurred in other industries. Mining dropped by 130, transportation, communications and utilities by 161, retail trade 93, and services 123. These declines illustrate the ripple effect in other industries as a project is completed and workers become unemployed or leave the area.

Wages

Declines of $1,076 in the Williston region and $178 in the Dickinson region were the only negative changes in annual average wages during the past three years. These declines occurred between 1985 and 1986. The major contributing factor was a drop in the number of employed workers in the mining industry in the Williston region. Workers in this industry had the highest earnings - - $24,537 in 1985. The

reduced employment had a depressing effect on the average for the entire region in 1986. Although employment in mining declined by nearly 1,500 in the region between 1985 and 1986, the annual average wage increased slightly to $24,968. Minor declines followed in both 1987 and 1988.

While the western half of the state was suffering economic woes, the eastern part, noticeably the Grand Forks and Fargo regions, continued to show growth. Employment in the Fargo area increased by 1,605 between 1985 and 1986 and added 2,093 and 2,068 in the following two years. The two leading industries, as expected, were services and retail trade. Growth in the services industry alone accounted for nearly one-half of the total increase in 1988.

The Grand Forks region recorded increases in all three years with gains of 639, 1081, and 515. The inconsistent growth was evident in the industry detail as government added 240 in 1986. Manufacturing, wholesale trade, and services accounted for the bulk of the gain in 1987. In 1988, wholesale trade and services continued to add workers.

Benefit Payments

Benefit payments to claimants totaled over $28 million in 1988. This was down from $44 million and $48 million respectively in 1985 and 1986. During this period, activity in the oil fields declined and many workers were drawing unemployment benefits. The greatest amount of benefit payments made in 1988 was to claimants residing in Cass, Burleigh, Grand Forks and Ward counties. Payments in these counties ranged from $2.8 million to $3.3 million in 1988.

The average weekly benefit amount decreased from $141.70 per week in 1987 to $131.47 in 1988. This decline was due primarily to legislative action that dropped the maximum weekly benefit amount from $197 to $179 per week. Another contributing factor was the reduction of the minimum weekly benefit amount from $60 to $43. These actions caused the average weekly benefit amount to decrease by $10.23.

We've touched on a few highlights found in the 1988 edition of North Dakota Employment and Wages. If you are interested in receiving a copy, contact the Research and Statistics Section at the address or telephone number listed on the title page.

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NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	March 1990	February 1990	February 1990	March 1989	March 1989
TOTAL	260,200	258,250	0.8%	253,800	2.5%
GOODS PRODUCING	28,550	27,750	2.9%	27,050	5.5%
MINING	3,750	3,600	4.2%	3,700	1.4%
Coal	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,100	-4.5%
Crude Petroleum & Nat. Gas	2,500	2,400	4.2%	2,400	4.2%
Other Mining	200	150	33.3%	200	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	7,500	7,150	4.9%	7,050	6.4%
Building Construction	2,100	2,100	0.0%	1,950	7.7%
Street, Highway & Heavy	1,200	1,050	14.3%	1,200	0.0%
Special Trade Construction	4,200	4,000	5.0%	3,900	7.7%
MANUFACTURING	17,300	17,000	1.8%	16,300	6.1%
Durable Goods	8,800	8,600	2.3%	7,700	14.3%
Primary & Fab. Metals	1,150	1,100	4.5%	1,000	15.0%
Machinery & Trans. Equip	5,500	5,450	0.9%	4,800	14.6%
Machinery & Electric	3,900	3,900	0.0%	3,400	14.7%
Transportation Equipment	1,600	1,550	3.2%	1,400	14.3%
Other Durables	2,150	2,050	4.9%	1,900	13.2%
Lumber & Wood	1,150	1,100	4.5%	1,000	15.0%
Misc Durable	1,000	950	5.3%	900	11.1%
Nondurable Goods	8,500	8,400	1.2%	8,600	-1.2%
Food & Kindred Products	4,500	4,450	1.1%	4,500	0.0%
Dairy Products	650	650	0.0%	700	-7.1%
Bakery Products	850	850	0.0%	800	6.3%
Sugar & Confectionary	1,000	1,000	0.0%	900	11.1%
Other Foods	2,000	1,950	2.6%	2,100	-4.8%
Printing & Publishing	2,600	2,600	0.0%	2,500	4.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,400	1,350	3.7%	1,600	-12.5%
SERVICES PRODUCING	231,650	230,500	0.5%	226,750	2.2%
TRAN, COMM & UTILITIES	16,950	17,000	-0.3%	16,650	1.8%
Transportation	8,550	8,700	-1.7%	8,650	-1.2%
Trucking & Warehousing	4,800	4,900	-2.0%	4,900	-2.0%
Other Transportation	3,750	3,800	-1.3%	3,750	0.0%
Railroads	1,800	1,800	0.0%	1,800	0.0%
Local & Suburban Transport	900	950	-5.3%	950	-5.3%
Water, Air & Pipeline	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
Communications	3,600	3,600	0.0%	3,400	5.9%
Utilities	4,800	4,700	2.1%	4,600	4.3%
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,100	19,000	0.5%	19,000	0.5%
Durable Goods	8,900	8,800	1.1%	8,700	2.3%
Nondurable Goods	10,200	10,200	0.0%	10,300	-1.0%

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NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	March 1990	February 1990	February 1990	March 1989	March 1989
RETAIL TRADE	49,250	48,750	1.0%	47,900	2.8%
Hardware & Garden	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,300	-8.7%
General Merchandise	6,300	6,400	-1.6%	6,300	0.0%
Food Stores	7,000	7,000	0.0%	6,700	4.5%
Auto & Service Stations	6,800	6,700	1.5%	6,400	6.3%
Apparel & Accessory	2,700	2,600	3.8%	2,600	3.8%
Furniture Stores	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,600	3.1%
Eating & Drinking Places	17,400	17,000	2.4%	17,000	2.4%
Misc Retail	5,300	5,300	0.0%	5,000	6.0%
FINANCE, INS & REAL ESTATE	12,400	12,400	0.0%	12,100	2.5%
Finance	6,700	6,700	0.0%	6,550	2.3%
Banking	5,700	5,700	0.0%	5,600	1.8%
Other Finance	1,000	1,000	0.0%	950	5.3%
Insurance	3,900	3,900	0.0%	3,850	1.3%
Insurance Underwriters	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,500	0.0%
Ins. Agents & Brokers	1,400	1,400	0.0%	1,350	3.7%
Real Estate	1,800	1,800	0.0%	1,700	5.9%
SERVICES	67,450	66,750	1.0%	64,600	4.4%
Lodging	4,300	4,200	2.4%	4,200	2.4%
Personal & Business	8,200	8,200	0.0%	7,600	7.9%
Personal Services	3,300	3,300	0.0%	3,200	3.1%
Business Services	4,900	4,900	0.0%	4,400	11.4%
Recreational Services	2,200	2,000	10.0%	2,300	-4.3%
Health Services	28,000	27,700	1.1%	27,300	2.6%
Nursing & Hospital	20,400	20,200	1.0%	20,000	2.0%
Other Health	7,600	7,500	1.3%	7,300	4.1%
Membership Organizations	8,200	8,200	0.0%	8,100	1.2%
Educational Services	2,900	3,000	-3.3%	2,900	0.0%
Social Services	6,400	6,300	1.6%	5,500	16.4%
Other Services	7,250	7,150	1.4%	6,700	8.2%
Auto & Misc Repair	2,300	2,200	4.5%	2,100	9.5%
Legal Services	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,400	3.6%
Misc Services	3,500	3,500	0.0%	3,200	9.4%
GOVERNMENT	66,500	66,600	-0.2%	66,500	0.0%
Federal	10,100	10,200	-1.0%	10,300	-1.9%
State & Local	56,400	56,400	0.0%	56,200	0.4%
State Government	20,300	20,300	0.0%	20,300	0.0%
Educational Services	13,400	13,500	-0.7%	13,300	0.8%
Other State Government	6,900	6,800	1.5%	7,000	-1.4%
Local Government	36,100	36,100	0.0%	35,900	0.6%
Educational Services	18,700	18,600	0.5%	18,400	1.6%
Other Local Government	17,400	17,500	-0.6%	17,500	-0.6%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	March 1990	February 1990	February 1990	March 1989	March 1989
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	75,900	75,700	0.3%	73,400	3.4%
GOODS PRODUCING	8,550	8,400	1.8%	7,650	11.8%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	3,000	3,000	0.0%	2,550	17.6%
Special Trades	1,750	1,750	0.0%	1,500	16.7%
Other Construction & Mining	1,250	1,250	0.0%	1,050	19.0%
MANUFACTURING	5,550	5,400	2.8%	5,100	8.8%
Durable Goods	2,700	2,550	5.9%	2,350	14.9%
Fabricated Metal & Machinery	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,250	16.0%
Other Durable Goods	1,250	1,100	13.6%	1,100	13.6%
Nondurable Goods	2,850	2,850	0.0%	2,750	3.6%
Food & Kindred	1,800	1,800	0.0%	1,750	2.9%
Other Nondurables	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	67,350	67,300	0.1%	65,750	2.4%
TRANS, COMM & UTIL	4,600	4,650	-1.1%	4,650	-1.1%
Trucking & Warehousing	950	1,000	-5.0%	950	0.0%
Other Transportation	2,000	2,000	0.0%	1,950	2.6%
Communications & Utilities	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,750	-5.7%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,500	6,400	1.6%	6,600	-1.5%
Durable	3,800	3,700	2.7%	3,700	2.7%
Nondurable	2,700	2,700	0.0%	2,900	-6.9%
RETAIL TRADE	14,700	14,600	0.7%	14,400	2.1%
General Merchandise & Apparel	2,900	3,000	-3.3%	2,800	3.6%
Food Stores	1,750	1,750	0.0%	1,900	-7.9%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,850	1,850	0.0%	1,600	15.6%
Eating & Drinking Places	5,600	5,500	1.8%	5,400	3.7%
Other Retail	2,600	2,500	4.0%	2,700	-3.7%
FINANCE, INS & R E	4,550	4,550	0.0%	4,400	3.4%
Finance	2,100	2,100	0.0%	1,950	7.7%
Insurance Carriers	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,450	0.0%
Other Fin, Ins. & R.Estate	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
SERVICES	21,750	21,750	0.0%	20,700	5.1%
Lodging	1,350	1,350	0.0%	1,350	0.0%
Personal & Business	3,500	3,500	0.0%	3,400	2.9%
Recreation & Amusement	800	800	0.0%	850	-5.9%
Health Services	7,900	7,900	0.0%	7,600	3.9%
Educational Services	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,200	4.5%
Social Services	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,550	9.7%
Membership Services	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,450	3.4%
Other Services	2,700	2,700	0.0%	2,300	17.4%
GOVERNMENT	15,250	15,350	-0.7%	15,000	1.7%
Federal	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,200	4.5%
State	6,350	6,350	0.0%	6,400	-0.8%
State School	5,800	5,800	0.0%	5,900	-1.7%
Other State	550	550	0.0%	500	10.0%
Local	6,600	6,700	-1.5%	6,400	3.1%
Local School	4,000	4,000	0.0%	3,900	2.6%
Other Local	2,600	2,700	-3.7%	2,500	4.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	March 1990	February 1990	February 1990	March 1989	March 1989
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	31,750	31,450	1.0%	30,850	2.9%
GOODS PRODUCING	2,500	2,550	-2.0%	2,700	-7.4%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	950	1,000	-5.0%	1,000	-5.0%
MANUFACTURING	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,700	-8.8%
Durable Goods	550	550	0.0%	550	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,150	-13.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	29,250	28,900	1.2%	28,150	3.9%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,600	3.1%
Transportation	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
Communications & Utilities	650	650	0.0%	600	8.3%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,500	10.0%
RETAIL TRADE	7,650	7,450	2.7%	7,100	7.7%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,850	1,850	0.0%	1,800	2.8%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,900	2,800	3.6%	2,600	11.5%
Other Retail	2,900	2,800	3.6%	2,700	7.4%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,200	1,150	4.3%	1,100	9.1%
SERVICES	7,000	7,000	0.0%	7,000	0.0%
Personal & Business	900	900	0.0%	900	0.0%
Health	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,900	-3.4%
Other Services	3,300	3,300	0.0%	3,200	3.1%
GOVERNMENT	10,100	10,000	1.0%	9,850	2.5%
Federal	1,550	1,600	-3.1%	1,500	3.3%
State	5,950	5,850	1.7%	5,850	1.7%
State School	5,500	5,400	1.9%	5,400	1.9%
Other State	450	450	0.0%	450	0.0%
Local	2,600	2,550	2.0%	2,500	4.0%
Local School	1,400	1,350	3.7%	1,400	0.0%
Other Local	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,100	9.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	March 1990	February 1990	February 1990	March 1989	March 1989
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	38,950	38,500	1.2%	37,850	2.9%
GOODS PRODUCING	3,650	3,500	4.3%	3,300	10.6%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,400	1,300	7.7%	1,300	7.7%
MANUFACTURING	2,250	2,200	2.3%	2,000	12.5%
Durable Goods	950	900	5.6%	800	18.8%
Nondurable Goods	1,300	1,300	0.0%	1,200	8.3%
SERVICES PRODUCING	35,300	35,000	0.9%	34,550	2.2%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	2,950	2,900	1.7%	2,650	11.3%
Transportation	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,100	9.1%
Communications & Utilities	1,750	1,700	2.9%	1,550	12.9%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,200	4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	7,850	7,750	1.3%	7,750	1.3%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,650	0.0%
Food Stores	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,100	-9.1%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,600	2,500	4.0%	2,500	4.0%
Other Retail	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,500	3.3%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,550	-3.2%
SERVICES	11,850	11,750	0.9%	11,400	3.9%
Lodging	900	950	-5.3%	900	0.0%
Personal & Business	1,400	1,400	0.0%	1,300	7.7%
Health Services	4,900	4,800	2.1%	4,700	4.3%
Educational Services	850	850	0.0%	800	6.3%
Social Services	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,000	10.0%
Membership Services	1,100	1,050	4.8%	1,200	-8.3%
Other Services	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,500	6.7%
GOVERNMENT	8,850	8,800	0.6%	9,000	-1.7%
Federal	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,150	0.0%
State	3,950	3,950	0.0%	4,150	-4.8%
State Schools	350	350	0.0%	350	0.0%
Other State	3,600	3,600	0.0%	3,800	-5.3%
Local	3,750	3,700	1.4%	3,700	1.4%
Local Schools	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,100	0.0%
Other Local	1,650	1,600	3.1%	1,600	3.1%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	March 1990	February 1990	February 1990	March 1989	March 1989
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	126,498	126,307	0.2%	124,929	1.3%
Employment	120,003	119,713	0.2%	118,731	1.1%
Unemployment	6,495	6,594	-1.5%	6,198	4.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	5.2%	xxx	5.0%	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	321,930	318,640	1.0%	323,250	-0.4%
Employment	305,470	303,150	0.8%	307,810	-0.8%
Unemployment	16,460	15,490	6.3%	15,440	6.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	4.9%	xxx	4.8%	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	87,190	87,150	0.0%	86,600	0.7%
Employment	84,180	84,270	-0.1%	83,700	0.6%
Unemployment	3,010	2,880	4.5%	2,900	3.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.3%	xxx	3.3%	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,980	35,920	0.2%	36,030	-0.1%
Employment	34,610	34,640	-0.1%	34,810	-0.6%
Unemployment	1,370	1,280	7.0%	1,220	12.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	3.6%	xxx	3.4%	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	46,630	46,180	1.0%	46,550	0.2%
Employment	44,260	43,870	0.9%	44,520	-0.6%
Unemployment	2,370	2,310	2.6%	2,030	16.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	5.0%	xxx	4.4%	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Grand Forks Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Grand Forks County.
The Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.
The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

(In Thousands)
February 1990

	NORTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	318.7	2,352.0	353.6	407.0
Employment	303.2	2,242.3	339.5	382.9
Unemployment	15.5	109.7	14.1	24.1
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.7%	4.0%	5.9%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March 1990	February 1990	March 1989	March 1990	February 1990	March 1989	March 1990	February 1990	March 1989
MANUFACTURING	435.64	430.66	426.81	40.6	40.4	41.0	10.73	10.66	10.41
Durable Goods	464.21	457.97	455.78	41.3	41.0	41.7	11.24	11.17	10.93
Nondurable Goods	397.79	394.02	385.43	39.7	39.6	39.9	10.02	9.95	9.66

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March 1990	February 1990	March 1989	March 1990	February 1990	March 1989	March 1990	February 1990	March 1989
MANUFACTURING	338.57	351.04	328.80	38.3	39.8	38.1	8.84	8.82	8.63
Durable Goods	360.40	373.01	361.62	40.0	41.4	41.0	9.01	9.01	8.82
Nondurable Goods	313.77	324.80	297.23	36.4	37.9	35.3	8.62	8.57	8.42
Food & Kindred	323.59	338.12	298.57	38.8	40.3	36.5	8.34	8.39	8.18

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	March 1990	February 1990	March 1989	March 1990	February 1990	March 1989	March 1990	February 1990	March 1989
MANUFACTURING	320.76	338.80	341.56	36.7	38.5	37.7	8.74	8.80	9.06
Durable Goods	292.74	319.99	320.93	35.7	38.6	38.9	8.20	8.29	8.25
Nondurable Goods	350.78	357.12	359.89	37.8	38.4	36.5	9.28	9.30	9.86

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982-84=100)

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	March 1990	February 1990	Percent Change From February 1990	March 1989	Percent Change From March 1989
All Items	124.0	128.7	128.0	0.5%	122.3	5.2%
Food & Beverage	124.9	131.2	130.9	0.2%	123.3	6.4%
Housing	123.0	126.8	126.1	0.6%	121.5	4.4%
Apparel & Upkeep	118.6	125.4	120.4	4.2%	119.3	5.1%
Transportation	114.1	116.8	117.1	-0.3%	111.9	4.4%
Medical Care	149.3	158.7	157.5	0.8%	146.1	8.6%
Entertainment	126.5	130.9	130.4	0.4%	124.7	5.0%
All Other	147.7	155.2	154.7	0.3%	144.4	7.5%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	March 1990	February 1990	Percent Change From February 1990	March 1989	Percent Change From March 1989
All Commodities	112.2	114.2	114.4	-0.2%	111.5	2.4%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	115.3	118.7	118.5	0.2%	116.1	2.2%
Industrial Commodities	111.6	113.2	113.6	-0.4%	110.5	2.4%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	MAR'90	FEB'90	MAR'89	MAR'90	FEB'90	MAR'89	MAR'90	FEB'90	MAR'89	MAR'90	FEB'90	MAR'89
Divide	1,305	1,285	1,352	1,281	1,257	1,290	24	28	62	1.8%	2.2%	4.6%
McKenzie	2,579	2,507	2,684	2,475	2,428	2,552	104	79	132	4.0%	3.2%	4.9%
Williams	10,512	10,539	10,819	10,026	10,074	10,249	486	465	570	4.6%	4.4%	5.3%
REGION 1	14,396	14,331	14,855	13,782	13,759	14,091	614	572	764	4.3%	4.0%	5.1%
Bottineau	3,244	3,198	3,264	3,005	2,961	3,043	239	237	221	7.4%	7.4%	6.8%
Burke	1,223	1,177	1,278	1,146	1,127	1,215	77	50	63	6.3%	4.2%	4.9%
McHenry	2,597	2,532	2,547	2,172	2,136	2,167	425	396	380	16.4%	15.6%	14.9%
Mountrail	3,181	3,207	3,136	2,964	2,975	2,898	217	232	238	6.8%	7.2%	7.6%
Pierce	2,435	2,397	2,411	2,320	2,286	2,321	115	111	90	4.7%	4.6%	3.7%
Renville	1,163	1,160	1,171	1,127	1,109	1,121	36	51	50	3.1%	4.4%	4.3%
Ward	25,188	24,901	25,605	23,693	23,556	24,200	1,495	1,345	1,405	5.9%	5.4%	5.5%
REGION 2	39,031	38,572	39,412	36,427	36,150	36,965	2,604	2,422	2,447	6.7%	6.3%	6.2%
Benson	2,678	2,612	3,024	2,323	2,297	2,780	355	315	244	13.3%	12.1%	8.1%
Cavalier	2,586	2,503	2,592	2,361	2,318	2,386	225	185	206	8.7%	7.4%	7.9%
Eddy	1,440	1,417	1,376	1,267	1,251	1,265	173	166	111	12.0%	11.7%	8.1%
Ramsey	6,644	6,656	6,481	6,346	6,352	6,188	298	304	293	4.5%	4.6%	4.5%
Rolette	4,543	4,401	4,516	3,875	3,796	3,931	668	605	585	14.7%	13.7%	13.0%
Towner	1,688	1,641	1,768	1,614	1,568	1,700	74	73	68	4.4%	4.4%	3.8%
REGION 3	19,579	19,230	19,757	17,786	17,582	18,250	1,793	1,648	1,507	9.2%	8.6%	7.6%
Grand Forks	35,985	35,918	36,029	34,614	34,639	34,807	1,371	1,279	1,222	3.8%	3.6%	3.4%
Nelson	1,879	1,829	1,882	1,768	1,733	1,783	111	96	99	5.9%	5.2%	5.3%
Pembina	5,296	5,245	5,247	4,816	4,752	4,751	480	493	496	9.1%	9.4%	9.5%
Walsh	7,249	7,167	7,413	6,840	6,770	7,014	409	397	399	5.6%	5.5%	5.4%
REGION 4	50,409	50,159	50,571	48,038	47,894	48,355	2,371	2,265	2,216	4.7%	4.5%	4.4%
Cass	61,441	61,338	61,512	59,759	59,693	59,879	1,682	1,645	1,633	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%
Ransom	2,591	2,566	2,633	2,486	2,474	2,548	105	92	85	4.1%	3.6%	3.2%
Richland	8,459	8,482	8,460	8,055	8,180	8,064	404	302	396	4.8%	3.6%	4.7%
Sargent	2,582	2,552	2,545	2,522	2,495	2,478	60	57	67	2.3%	2.2%	2.6%
Steele	1,063	1,014	1,088	1,016	969	1,015	47	45	73	4.4%	4.4%	6.7%
Traill	4,425	4,238	4,339	4,158	4,104	4,126	267	134	213	6.0%	3.2%	4.9%
REGION 5	80,561	80,190	80,577	77,996	77,915	78,110	2,565	2,275	2,467	3.2%	2.8%	3.1%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	MAR'90	FEB'90	MAR'89	MAR'90	FEB'90	MAR'89	MAR'90	FEB'90	MAR'89	MAR'90	FEB'90	MAR'89
Barnes	5,943	5,585	5,928	5,672	5,351	5,635	271	234	293	4.6%	4.2%	4.9%
Dickey	3,048	2,961	2,999	2,953	2,868	2,889	95	93	110	3.1%	3.1%	3.7%
Foster	2,179	2,189	2,097	2,065	2,058	2,005	114	131	92	5.2%	6.0%	4.4%
Griggs	1,498	1,438	1,503	1,410	1,368	1,432	88	70	71	5.9%	4.9%	4.7%
La Moure	2,204	2,197	2,221	2,103	2,080	2,101	101	117	120	4.6%	5.3%	5.4%
Logan	1,416	1,384	1,419	1,366	1,341	1,364	50	43	55	3.5%	3.1%	3.9%
McIntosh	2,158	2,115	2,142	2,110	2,069	2,104	48	46	38	2.2%	2.2%	1.8%
Stutsman	11,597	11,478	11,692	11,026	10,937	11,179	571	541	513	4.9%	4.7%	4.4%
Wells	2,742	2,667	2,777	2,485	2,416	2,553	257	251	224	9.4%	9.4%	8.1%
REGION 6	32,785	32,014	32,778	31,190	30,488	31,262	1,595	1,526	1,516	4.9%	4.8%	4.6%
Burleigh	34,051	33,726	33,977	32,481	32,196	32,668	1,570	1,530	1,309	4.6%	4.5%	3.9%
Emmons	2,126	2,079	2,108	1,980	1,934	1,996	146	145	112	6.9%	7.0%	5.3%
Grant	1,728	1,683	1,734	1,670	1,624	1,641	58	59	93	3.4%	3.5%	5.4%
Kidder	1,553	1,509	1,493	1,368	1,343	1,359	185	166	134	11.9%	11.0%	9.0%
McLean	4,396	4,310	4,294	4,051	3,980	4,011	345	330	283	7.8%	7.7%	6.6%
Mercer	5,620	5,492	5,565	5,168	5,051	5,200	452	441	365	8.0%	8.0%	6.6%
Morton	12,578	12,462	12,569	11,782	11,678	11,850	796	784	719	6.3%	6.3%	5.7%
Oliver	999	962	1,007	924	887	942	75	75	65	7.5%	7.8%	6.5%
Sheridan	1,168	1,121	1,092	1,073	1,043	1,008	95	78	84	8.1%	7.0%	7.7%
Sioux	1,153	1,146	1,177	1,018	1,014	1,026	135	132	151	11.7%	11.5%	12.8%
REGION 7	65,372	64,490	65,016	61,515	60,750	61,701	3,857	3,740	3,315	5.9%	5.8%	5.1%
Adams	1,606	1,587	1,593	1,573	1,537	1,557	33	50	36	2.1%	3.2%	2.3%
Billings	593	557	592	546	515	548	47	42	44	7.9%	7.5%	7.4%
Bowman	2,012	1,997	2,056	1,962	1,940	1,972	50	57	84	2.5%	2.9%	4.1%
Dunn	1,677	1,647	1,595	1,541	1,516	1,417	136	131	178	8.1%	8.0%	11.2%
Gldn Valley	980	956	1,002	950	931	957	30	25	45	3.1%	2.6%	4.5%
Hettinger	1,709	1,659	1,714	1,587	1,551	1,597	122	108	117	7.1%	6.5%	6.8%
Slope	431	406	424	397	386	382	34	20	42	7.9%	4.9%	9.9%
Stark	10,793	10,853	11,306	10,182	10,239	10,641	611	614	665	5.7%	5.7%	5.9%
REGION 8	19,801	19,662	20,282	18,738	18,615	19,071	1,063	1,047	1,211	5.4%	5.3%	6.0%
STATE TOTALS	321,936	318,648	323,247	305,472	303,154	307,805	16,464	15,494	15,442	5.1%	4.9%	4.8%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which included the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often call the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all states of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay from the pay period which included the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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1350 32nd Street South
Phone: 237-7113

JAMESTOWN
429 2nd Street Southwest
Phone: 251-2256

BEULAH
119 East Main
Phone: 873-5607

DEVILS LAKE
301 South College Drive
Phone: 662- 2181

GRAND FORKS
2016 South Washington
Phone: 777-3711

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501 1st Street Northwest
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103 East Main
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McCannel Hall - Room 141
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66 Osborn Drive
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3416 North Broadway
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